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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON THE AMERICAN ECONOMY,
OCTOBER 11 TO NOVEMBER 9, 1976

REF: STATE A-1425

1. OBJECTIVE: DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES A MULTI-REGIONAL
PROJECT DURING PERIOD OCTOBER 11 TO NOVEMBER 9 DESIGNED TO
PROVIDE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ECONOMIC ANALYSTS AND COMMENTATORS
WITH A BROAD OVERVIEW OF THE AMERICAN DOMESTIC ECONOMY AND
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CURRENT ECONOMIC TRENDS AND ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES IN

AN ELECTION YEAR.

2. QUALIFICATIONS: NOMINEES SHOULD BE PROFESSIONALS HAVING A WIDE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ECONOMIC SCENE AND INTERESTED IN DEEPENING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMERICAN DOMESTIC ECONOMY. NOMINEES MUST HAVE SUFFICIENT GRASP OF ENGLISH FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON COMPLEX ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND ISSUES. NOMINEES MAY INCLUDE ECONOMIC EDITORS OF MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, JOURNALS, OR OTHER MEDIA; SERIOUS AUTHORS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND DEANS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD; SENIOR STAFF

OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS; AND NATIONAL-LEVEL LEADERS OR SENIOR STAFF PREFERABLY HEADS OR DEPUTY HEADS, OF MAJOR BUSINESS, LABOR, COOPERATIVE, AND CONSUMERS ORGANIZATIONS. DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM, NOMINEE'S INTERESTS SHOULD BE IN MORE THAN ONE SECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC FIELD. CANDIDATES PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS PLANNED FOR THE SPRING OF 1977 (SEE STATE A-1425.) ALTHOUGH THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE SOME OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AND DISCUSS THE FALL ELECTIONS, POSTS SHOULD NOT NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR WHOM THE ELECTION IS A PRIMARY INTEREST. NOMINEES MAY NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPENDENTS. IN NOMINATING, POSTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT A GRANT FOR THIS PROJECT IS RELEVANT TO ONE OF THE GROUPS OR INSTITUTIONS IDENTIFIED FOR EMPHASIS IN THE COUNTRY PROGRAM PROPOSAL AND APPROPRIATELY FALLS WITHIN THE PRIORITIES, OR SHOULD JUSTIFY ANY DEVIATION FROM THE CPP.

3. PROGRAM IN THE U.S.: THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS WITH ECONOMISTS AND OTHERS AT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, UNIVERSITIES, CORPORATIONS, LABOR UNIONS, AND CONSUMER, COOPERATIVE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE SCHEDULE WILL ALSO INCLUDE VISITS TO MANUFACTURING PLANTS, BANKS, OTHER BUSINESS FIRMS, COMMODITY MARKETS, STOCK EXCHANGES, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND LEADERS WHICH PLAY IMPORTANT ROLES IN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM WILL COVER (A) THE FUNDAMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY, (B) MEDIUM - AND SHORT-TERM TRENDS IN KEY ECONOMIC SECTORS INCLUDING ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION, FOOD, AND PERHAPS OTHERS; AND (C) INFORMATION ON ECONOMIC ISSUES SUCH AS INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE FALL CAMPAIGNS.

THE FOLLOWING IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE PROJECT:

OCTOBER 10-11: ARRIVE WASHINGTON

OCTOBER 12-16: WASHINGTON

OCTOBER 17-20: NEW YORK

OCTOBER 21-23: TEAM VISITS TO EASTERN INDUSTRIAL CITIES

OCTOBER 24-27: TEAM VISITS TO MIDDLEWESTERN

AGRIBUSINESS CENTERS

OCTOBER 28-30: SAN FRANCISCO OR LOS ANGELES

OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 3: TEAM VISITS TO SOUTHERN CITY OR
INDIVIDUALIZED TRAVEL

NOVEMBER 4-5: WASHINGTON SUMMARY AND EVALUATION BY
PARTICIPANTS RETURNING HOME VIA THE ATLANTIC

4. COSTS: 1955 DOLS PLUS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL,
CHARGEABLE TO POST'S FY-1977 ALLOCATION. COST SHARING IS
ENCOURAGED.

5. ACTION: POSTS INTERESTED IN NOMINATING FOR THIS
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INTEREST IN NOMINATING SHOULD BE CABLED NLT JULY 30.
AMERICAN OFFICER SHOULD INTERVIEW CANDIDATE TO ASSESS
NOMINEE'S ENGLISH AND ASCERTAIN NOMINEE'S PROFESSIONAL
AND OTHER INTERESTS. COMPLETE NOMINATIONS (INCLUDING
BIODATA, ENGLISH, U.S. CONTACTS, AND INTERESTS) MUST BE
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